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COUNTRY

Czechoslovakia

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SUBJECT

Sociological - Publishing industry

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HOW PUBLISHED

DATE DIST. 20

Jun 1950

WHERE

PUBLISHED

Weekly newspaper

NO, OF PAGES

C.T.

DATE PUBLISHED

23 Mar 1950

SUPPLEMENT TO

REPORT NO.

LANGUAGE

Czech

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Hospodar, No 12, 1950.

PUBLISHING AND PRINTING REORGANIZED

The transformation of the publishing industry and of the book and press distribution system, the basis for which was laid immediately after the liberation, is only now being completed.

Altogether, 335 book-publishing houses, 56 music-publishing houses, and 118 publishers publishing their own books were liquidated in 1949, according to the Minister of Information and Enlightment.

The distribution of books has passed to the hands of the publication branch of the Ministry of Information and Enlightment. The "Kniha Lidu" (The Book of the People) cooperative is becoming the central distribution organization of the entire book trade. By the end of 1949, it had taken over 200 private bookselling firms out of the total of 330 which are to be taken over according to plan. A socialist distribution network of 550 sales outlets will be created, including the 225 sales outlets of collective enterprises.

A total of 15 daily newspapers in the Czech Provinces and seven in Slovakia, with a total circulation of 2,300,000, ϵ —being published at present. The specialization of the press has not yet been completed. Publications specializing in domestic information, in science, and in technology are yet to be established, and the industrial press is to be enlarged.

The paper earmarked for the daily press amounted to 21,120 tons in 1949, and this tonnage has been increased to 21,970 tons for 1950. The quota of paper for other periodicals amounted to 11,360 tons in 1949, and has been increased by 950 tons for 1950.

The nationalized sector of the printing industry has 303 enterprises. There are 675 private enterprises with 20,963 employees. The nationalized sector has a turnover of 3,050,000,000 crowns and the private sector, 554,000,000 crowns.

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The following are nation-wide printing enterprises:

Svoboda (Freedom) -- Printing for all parties of the National Front and organizations of nation wide importance.

Prace (Work) -- Printing of trade-union and popular science matter.

Orbis -- Printing of books for all central offices.

Mlada Fronta (Youth Front) -- Printing of books for youth.

Brazda (Furrow) -- Printing for farmers.

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Statni Tiskarna (State Press) -- Printing of matter pertaining to state administration, textbooks, and children's literature.

The state printing enterprises in Slovakia are Pravda (Truth), Praca (Work), and Tatran.

The Graficke Tiskarny (Graphic Printing Presses) state enterprise is intended for the specialized mass production of multicolor printed matter.

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